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CHAPTER II

Preliminary Classification:

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Subclass:

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TITLE OF INVENTION: FIXING ELEMENT FOR BONE FRAGMENTS

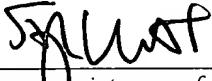
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1. Applicant herewith submits to the United States Elected Office (EO/US) the following items under 35 U.S.C. Section 371:

- a. This express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. Section 371(f)).
- b. The U.S. National Fee (35 U.S.C. Section 371(c)(1)) and other fees (37 C.F.R. Section 1.492) as indicated below:

2. Fees

CLAIMS FEE*	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
	TOTAL CLAIMS	23 -20 =	3	x \$18.00 =	\$54.00
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2 - 3 =	0	x \$80.00 =	\$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) + \$270.00					\$0.00
BASIC FEE U.S. PTO WAS NOT INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION AUTHORITY Where no international preliminary examination fee as set forth in Section 1.482 has been paid to the U.S. PTO, and payment of an international search fee as set forth in Section 1.445(a)(2) to the U.S. PTO: where a search report on the international application has been prepared by the European Patent Office or the Japanese Patent Office (37 C.F.R. Section 1.492(a)(5)) \$860.00					\$860.00
Total of above Calculations					= \$914.00
SMALL ENTITY Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Affidavit must be filed. (note 37 CFR Sections 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)					- \$457.00
Subtotal					\$457.00
Total National Fee					\$457.00
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment document \$40.00 (37 C.F.R. Section 1.21(h)). See attached "ASSIGNMENT COVER SHEET".					\$0.00
TOTAL					Total Fees enclosed \$457.00

See the Preliminary Amendment removing multiple dependencies.

A check in the amount of \$457.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

3. A copy of the International application as filed (35 U.S.C. Section 371(c)(2)) has been transmitted by the International Bureau.

Date of mailing of the application (from form PCT/IB/308): 10 February 2000

4. A translation of the International application into the English language (35 U.S.C. Section 371(c)(2)) is transmitted herewith, as both initially filed and as amended.

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5. Amendments to the claims of the International application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. Section 371(c)(3)) are transmitted herewith.
6. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (38 U.S.C. Section 371(c)(3)) is transmitted herewith.
7. A copy of the international examination report (PCT/IPEA/409) is transmitted herewith.
8. Annex(es) to the international preliminary examination report is/are transmitted herewith.
9. A translation of the annexes to the international preliminary examination report is transmitted herewith.
10. An oath or declaration of the inventor (35 U.S.C. Section 371(c)(4)) complying with 35 U.S.C. Section 115 will follow.

II. Other document(s) or information included:

11. An International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) or Declaration under PCT Article 17(2)(a) is transmitted herewith.

12. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98 is transmitted herewith.

Also transmitted herewith is/are Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B) and copies of citations listed.

13. Additional documents:

- a. Copy of request (PCT/RO/101)
- b. International Publication No. WO 0006037
Front page only
- c. Preliminary amendment (37 C.F.R. Section 1.121)

14. The above items are being transmitted before 30 months from any claimed priority date.

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees that may be required by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to Account No.: 15-0450

37 C.F.R. Section 1.492(a)(1), (2), (3), and (4) (filing fees)

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37 C.F.R. Section 1.492(b), (c), and (d) (presentation of extra claims)

37 C.F.R. Section 1.17 (application processing fees)

37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1)-(5) (extension fees pursuant to Section 1.136(a))

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